

## Your Funeral Checklist:

*Embracing Your Final Send Off with Grace*

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### **Start the Conversation:**

Initiate a discussion with your loved ones about your funeral wishes. Express your desire to share your thoughts and preferences openly and honestly. Explore the legacy you want to leave behind.

### **Choose a Format:**

Decide whether you prefer a traditional funeral service, a celebration of life, or something unique and unconventional. Think about the tone, style, and atmosphere you want to create.

### **Select a Venue:**

Choose a location for your funeral or memorial service that holds personal significance to you.

### **Create a Guest List:**

Make a list of the people you would like to invite to your funeral or memorial service. Consider family members, friends, colleagues, and anyone else who has played a significant role in your life.

### **Plan the Ceremony:**

Think about the elements you want to include in your funeral or memorial service, such as music, readings, rituals, and personal anecdotes. Consider whether you want to involve religious or cultural traditions.

### **Document Your Wishes:**

Write down your funeral wishes in a document or letter to your loved ones. Be specific about your preferences for the ceremony, burial or cremation, and any special requests you may have.

### **Choose a Burial or Cremation Option:**

Decide whether you prefer burial or cremation. If you choose burial, consider purchasing a plot in a cemetery or selecting a burial site. If you choose cremation, think about what you want to be done with your ashes.

### **Consider Financial Planning:**

Explore options for pre-paying or setting aside funds for your funeral expenses. This can help alleviate financial burden for your loved ones and ensure that your wishes are carried out.

### **Share Important Documents:**

Make sure your loved ones know where to find important documents related to your funeral arrangements, such as your Will, advance directives, and life insurance policies. Ovation clients can make the most of MyOvation and create a document folder that we can share with loved ones when needed.

### **Review and Update Regularly:**

Revisit your funeral wishes to ensure they reflect your current preferences and values. Update your documents as needed and continue the conversation with your loved ones.